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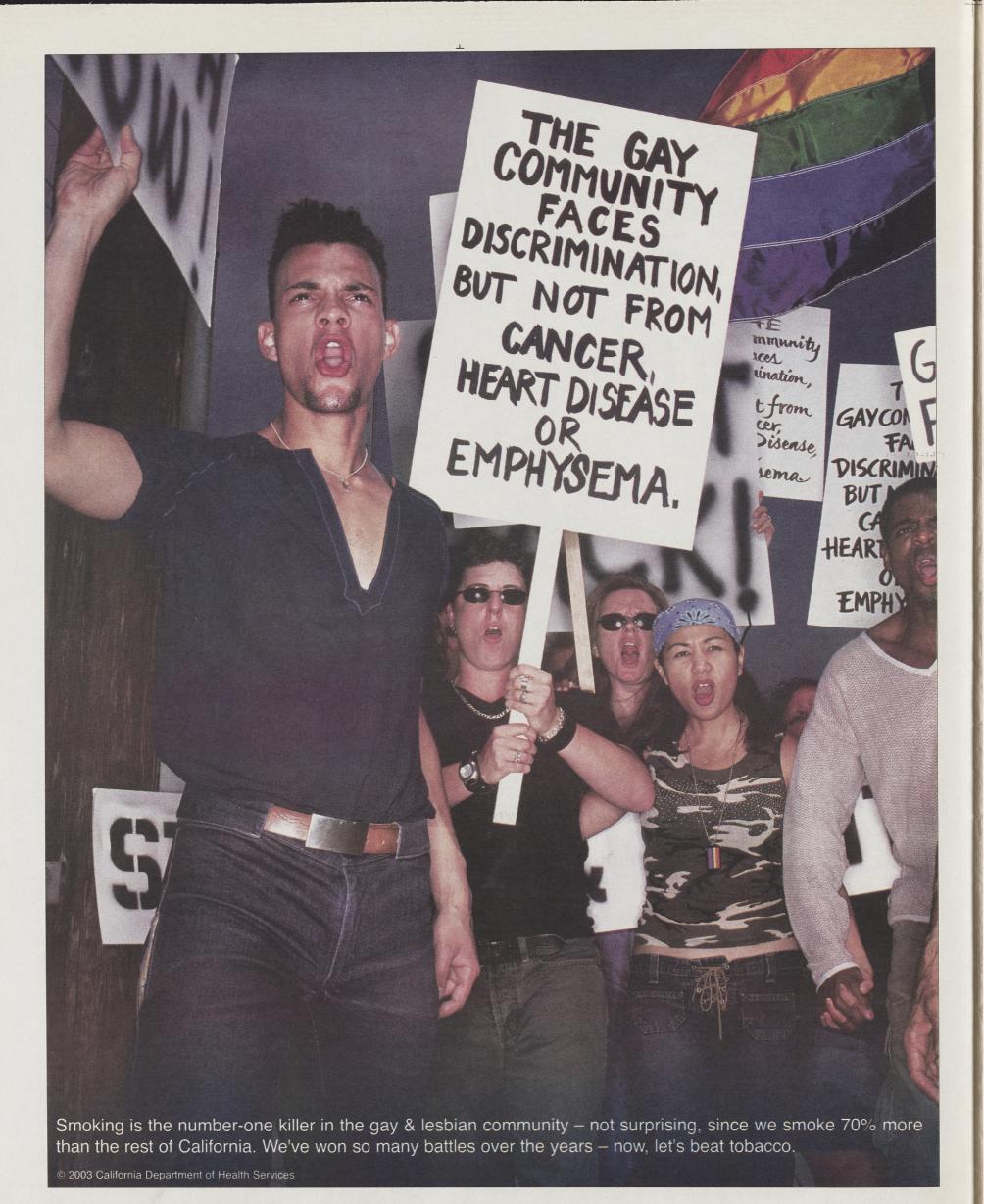
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2003: The Best Legislative Year in GLBTI History Brings Total Victory!

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he Lambda Letters Project proudly to announced that every gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex (GLBTI), rights bill that it endorsed this year has been passed and signed by the Governor. Boyce Hinman, Chief Lobbyist of the Project, announced today that the Project delivered almost 230,000 letters and E-mails to legislators and the Governor in 2003. The Project also coordinated its activities with other community-based organizations. As a result, 10 important LGBTI civil rights bills became law this year.

Lori Norman, Chair of the Lambda Letters Project, expressed her appreciation to the legislature and to the Governor for this momentous accomplishment. She noted this has been the best legislative year for LGBTI rights in the history of California and probably in the history of any state in this nation. On October 12, former Gov. **Gray Davis** announced his signature of AB 17. This was the last of four key LGBTI rights bills signed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 17 requires all businesses having contracts worth \$100,000 or more with state government to provide the same benefits to the domestic partners of their employees as they provide to the spouses of their employees.

Hinman noted that Lambda Letters made no contributions to any elected officials to get these bills approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. In fact, probably none of the civil rights groups working on behalf of these bills made any significant financial contributions to elected officials.

He added, "This confirms my belief that a community willing to do its homework, and to flood elected officials with mail and phone calls, can succeed in getting its rights protected by the laws of this state."

The Lambda Letters Project is California's oldest statewide organization lobbying on behalf of the GLBTI community. It helps people write letters to elected officials on these issues and also on HIV/AIDS, issues of concern to people of color, and women's issues. It delivers well over 200,000 such letters each year.

Info: lambdaletters.org or 728-1261

Key-Bills In Addition To AB 17 Signed In 2003:

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AB 196–Prohibits employment and housing discrimination against transgender people. AB 205 - Grants domestic partners in California most of the rights and duties now available to married people.

AB 458–Prohibits discriminations against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender foster children or against lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender adults who would be their care-givers. A number of other important LGBTI rights bills became law this year as well. They are:

AB 266–Allows the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to elect to provide benefits to the domestic partners of county employees and retirees through the collective bargaining process.

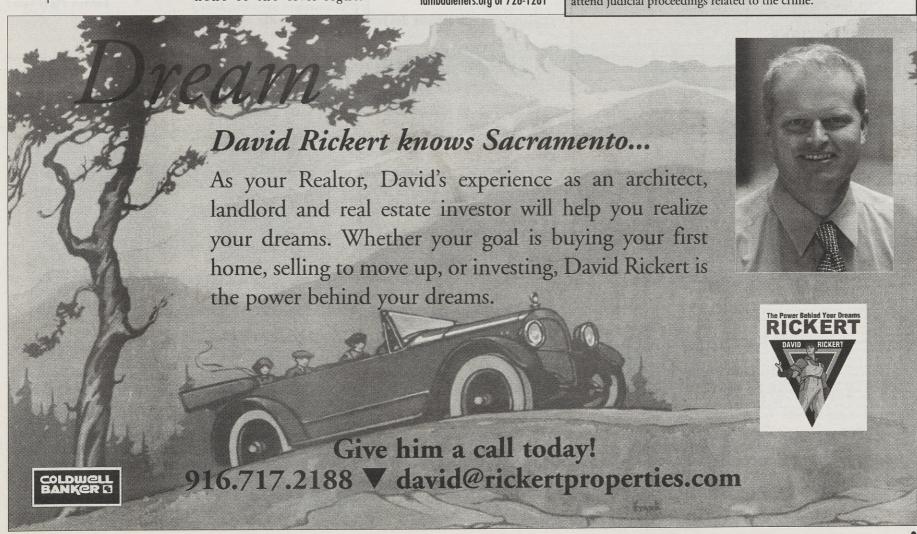
AB 1082—Allows all counties in California to provide benefits to the domestic partners of their employees and retirees through the Public Employees Retirement System even when the county's definition of domestic partnership is different from that adopted by the state.

AB 1250—Provides funding for training teachers that is designed to improve the prevention of intolerance and hatred in schools, including intolerance of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender and intersex students.

SB 2–Requires large employers doing business in California to provide health insurance for their employees and families, including the employees' domestic partners.

SB 85–Allows any county in California to offer the same death benefits, optional retirement allowances, or survivors allowances to the domestic partners of county employees or retirees as are provided to the spouses of county employees or retirees.

SB 478–Requires employers to allow an employee who is a victim of a crime, or certain persons who are related to a crime victim, including domestic partners, to be absent from work in order to attend judicial proceedings related to the crime.



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Film Festival Thanks You!

Dear MGW,

hank you once again for your continuing support of the Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF) and for your contributions to the 2003 Film Festival.

All the SIGLFF volunteers from the Board and Planning Committee are happy with the coverage we received

from MGW. The entire Community is enhanced when organizations like MGW and SIGLIFF are able to make this annual event happen.

We had a great turnout for the 2003 Festival and we hope to work with you next year Thirteenth for OHT Anniversary Extravaganza!

Thanks again! The SIGLFF Volunteers

Homophobia Is Heart Breaking

Dear Editor

just had the most remarkable experience. I called MinuteMan Press to do some printing for a client. That printing job included a reference to SIGLFF and her sponsorship therein. The owner refused the job for that reason and said he wouldn't do it.

I'm stunned by the bigotry. I'm not gay and it just breaks my heart that people are so hateful.

Stephanie Baker

Urgent Appeal

Dear Editor,

ith the recent demise of Hand to Hand Foundation and The Positive Gourmet food services providing food to HIV patients and families and the Christmas Project providing Holiday meals to HIV/AIDS patients plus pres-ents to HIV/AIDS patients (especially the children), and the Adopt a family Christmas Project have all moved to Sunburst Projects -Emergency Needs, handled by Julianna Tachibana and Jennifer Novak (formerly of Hand to Hand).

Donations of non-perishable foods, toys, clothing of all sizes and cash donations are urgently needed. Donations be taken to Sunburst Projects office at 1025 19th St, Suite 1A, Sacramento 95814, Mon -Thurs from 9 to 4 or checks can be mailed to attention of Emergency Needs.

Jennifer and Juliana have managed this successful program for years, under 3 agencies now and are determined not to see it die - they are

working without pay to continue it and need the communities help!

I have personally been involved in this program - first as a client when it was under the old AIDS Foundation, as a supporter when Jennifer and Julianna reformed Hand to Hand as a separate agency (till board politics destroyed it) and now as part of Sunburst Projects. I have seen it help a lot of people and ask you to help keep it going by publicizing this need!

The Benefit Sales have provided their rent money through the end of the year so they could concentrate on the Holiday projects - now they need your help to get the food/clothing/toys etc that are needed.

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Jennifer@Sunburstprojects.org or call (916) 296-3683.

> Thank You! **Bob Hamm Benefit Plant Sales**

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Happy Birthday! Finding Forgotten Geoffrey Winder

Managing Editor write this column for Mom Guess What Newspaper's Birthday Anniversary Issue. A Happy 25th salute to a newspaper that if it were a sentient, corporeal, conscious gay entity, would be aged out of the "youth" category, and entering the awkward in-be-

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But I now find myself wishing happy birthday to a newspaper whose birth began (like many births do...) as whispered imaginings, a fanciful daydream, in a bedroom behind closed doors.

tween that many mid-twenty sometimes find themselves in.

Now 25 years later, MGW is four years my senior, and after surviving staffing changes, the AIDS epidemic, economic depressions, wars, the near extinction of independent media and the gallows of public opinions and rumors is celebrating it's 25th year in existence, serving Sacramento's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning community.

As with many things in this cosmic cycle of life and death, MGW was birthed 26 days

before Dan White killed Harvey Milk San Francisco. The same month and year that The Village People's single "Y.M.C.A." debuted on the billboards top 40, and just six days before Californians went to the polls to defeat right wing Proposition 6, a volatile measure that would allow schools to fire teachers for being gay or lesbian.

At a time when Sacramento's lesbian and gay community was more bar oriented than political, more closeted than not, and more fearful than proud MGW chronicles within its age worn, dog-eared pages the transformation of a small Northern California Gay community into the vital, vibrant, political and proud community that Sacramento boasts today.

When a younger version of, founder, executive editor, and publisher Linda Birner, founded this paper 25 years ago, she did so with the courage, strength, and a spirit of a revolutionary. She was a young woman in a time when the women's movement still fought hard, a lesbian, when it wasn't fashionable to be one, a business-women in a male dominated business culture, and a pioneer of freedom and equality for a group that often found itself invisible.

Birthed on idealistic notions and dreams of equality, seeking to provide a written voice, collective education for both the straight and gay communities, and act as a news-print bridge between the divided world of gay-men and lesbian women; MGW came to life on November 1st, 1978, born to those of a youthful innocence that dared to joke about the fantasy of one day being married.

And that is why I, a 21 year old, multi-racial, queer, boy, second-generation gay activist am proud to call Linda Birner my colleague and friend. Despite the wasp-swarms of stinging rumors, myths and gossip, when the physical

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Iraqi/Swede Named Mister Leather Europe

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n October 4th, Hamburg hosted the annual "Mister Leather Europe" competition. Contestants from Germany, Iceland, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland competed to win the coveted title and the honor of representing Europe at the International Mr. Leather competition in May 2004 in Chicago. Almost 1,000 people attended the Hamburg event and voted for their favorite contestant.

After the votes were counted it was Iraqi born Saad Hasson, who is now living in Stockholm, Sweden, that was chosen as Mr. Leather Europe. Second place went to Olaf Olafsson from Reykjavik, Island and third place to Thomas Schoch from Zürich, Switzerland.

Saad, originally born in Iraq, fled the country during the first Iraq war in 1991. He has since then found a new home in Stockholm, Sweden, where he works as a primary school teacher.

"I want to use my title to educate the people about gay life in the Middle East and the needs of that community," Saad said during his acceptance speech. "It is still impossible to be gay in Iraq. In a Muslim society one is forced to get married and have children there is no freedom of choice."

Europe's gay community has chosen to ignore political, ethical and religious considerations in electing the candidate they felt best represented the leather and fetish community and are interested to see how the US gay community will react to Mr. Hasson.

No Voucher For Anti-Gay School

MGW Staff

he Silver State Baptist School was refused by Denver Public Schools and Jefferson County officials for its discipline policy calling for automatic dismissal for premarital sex, homosexuality and "sexual perversion."

Under the state voucher program, a school board can reject a private school's application if it advocates or fosters unlawful behavior or teaches hatred of a person or group.

"The board's interpretation of the statute is that a school cannot promote hate," said school board president Elaine Berman. "We believe that this school's policy toward various groups does promote hate and discrimination."

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Rodolfo Gomez, the school's principal said that an appeal will be launched.

He said the 202-student school has not had an openly gay student in its 39-year history. Gomez said that an openly gay student would be "counseled as to the Biblical understanding as to what it is that is appropriate and inappropriate in that situation."

"Because we don't have a history, I would say we would treat it like other students caught with a smoking problem," Gomez said. "We work with them through the process and once we see they don't have any desire to correct the problem or they don't want to deal with it appropriately, then we make those determinations" about expulsion.





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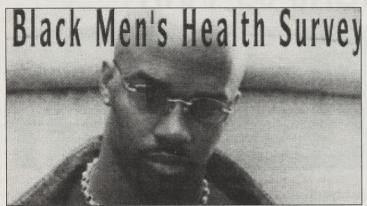
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By And For The Community Is ack Men's Health Survey The Golden Rule



Golden Rule Services' Black Men's Health Survey aimed at needs and risk assesment is the first health survey of Sacramento's African American gay & bisexual population. The Survey is part of GRS' innovative The Mens Soul Food Project.

By Geoffrey Winder MGW Staff

Ithough the Capitol City's quickly growing metropolis is home to many public, private and nonprofit organizations, like many growing and larger urban environments, Sacramento experiences disparities in health, education, employment and juvenile justice within ethnic, racial and sexual minority communities.

Golden Rule Services is a non-profit organization based in Oak Park founded in 2000 by **Clarmundo Sullivan**, seeking to fill the gaps left by other service providers.

"I was disappointed by the lack of organizations serving communities of color, and even further disappointed by the lack of organizations serving sexual minority communities of color," Sullivan said about his reasons for starting Golden Rule Services.

Service providers are often criticized for maintaining boards and staff that do not reflect the target populations in which they serve, catering to "convenient", "non threatening" target populations serving communities only when it is fundable or politically correct, providing services in communities that are "safe" and services during standard business hours

As an organization created by and for people of color, Golden Rule Services better understands the social, economic and educational barriers that prevent communities of color from gaining access to accessible, affordable and comprehensive services.

GRS is working to reduce social service disparities within people of color communities by making available services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate, accessible, researched based and comprehensive.

Golden Rules Services Founder and CEO, Clarmundo Sullivan is a native Sacramentan graduating from Hiram W. Johnson High School as the Salutatorian Speaker in 1986. He holds Associate of Arts, Bachelors in Social Work and Master of Education degrees.

Sullivan has developed, implemented and evaluated community and school based programs and has successfully, written and secured over \$300,000 in grant proposals and has received community service awards for his volunteerism and activism.

It is with this academic background combined with community activism that Golden Rule Services approaches their programs which range from HIV/AIDS education, academic enrichment, to violence and crime prevention and employment development.

Using a complex analysis of the intersections race, class and sexuality with the social service mechanisms of health care, education, employment and juvenile justice, Golden Rule Services offers a multi-program approach providing much needed services to its client base.

GRS uses a model and philosophy that places its client's

needs and ability first. The hours of operation are flexible and participants can access GRS services through their community and school based sites or by scheduling for a staff person to conduct a home visit, allowing for the most accessibility of their programs.

Golden Rule Services staff assesses and identifies physical, psychological, social, economic, and spiritual needs of their clients.

The programs address the needs and concerns of individuals, their families and other social networks. Our staff then refers clients to any of our services or other qualified agencies to provide the most comprehensive service possible.

GRS programs use principles and methods of prevention and behavior change that have been proven effective for the communities they seek to serve. Utilizing programs that offer a practical, hands-on experience to offer quality, professional programs that work while allowing for program improvement, effectiveness and efficiency.

In compliance with national guidelines, GRS also uses epidemiology, evaluation and behavioral science theories, findings and methodologies in the development of our programs.

Two of Golden Rule Services that have been the most effective, well received and ground-breaking the Sacramento Metro region are the "Men's Soul Food Project" and the "Black Men's Health Survey."

GRS' "Men's Soul Food Project" provides local African American gay, bisexual and down low brothers ages 18-45 with a series of four HIV prevention workshops.

The goal of the project is to provide local brothers a safe space to talk about our experiences in Sacramento, learn the latest in HIV prevention and to enjoy some authentic soul food. This project is the only HIV prevention project by and for African American same gender loving men.

GRS is conducting the "Black

Men's Health Survey", Sacramento's first needs assessment by and for African American gay, bisexual and down-low brothers.

The purpose of the survey is to identify health issues, risk factors, concerns effecting Sacramento's African American gay and bisexual male community. It also offers feedback on what types of programs are necessary to address the community's needs.

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What Did You Think of the Recall? Who Did You Want to Win?



Jasmine Wilson

Carmichael Receptionist

I don't think recalling Davis is really going to help California in the way everyone expects it to. I think this recall will create more problems than it will solve. The female candidate I wanted dropped out!



Bryan Guarienti

Carmichael Retail

I think Davis needed to get out of office. California needs a republican governor to get the budge back on track. Arnold wasn't the best choice because of his conservative views on gays. Maybe his next world wide billion-dollar movie will solve our economic debts!



Angel Simmons

Sacramento Outreach

I thought the recall was very necessary. If Gray Davis could not perform his duties it was best for us to vote for someone more capable. As to Arnold, I want him to stand by his pledge of no movie making while he is in office.



Jacqueline Bearden

Sacramento Medical Technician

I think it was about time that something good happened to California. Arnold will have a different approach to California's issues. Even though he supports domestic partnership, I hope he will change his mind on gay marriage!



Casey Mayer

Sacramento Real Estate

California is now going to be the laughing stock of the world. Arnold was elected only because of his movie popularity, not for any political stance on issues. I don't think Arnold is going to help our economic situation.









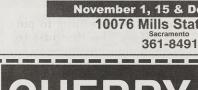




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Linda's Gifts

Memoirs Of Sonya Cox AIDS/HIV Editor

n 1982 I started clogging with a fabulously talented group of about 25 guys called the Sutter's Stompers, under the direction of Kim Brownlee. I loved it. Sweaty gorgeous gay guys, precision choreography, exercise freaks, creative routine writers, road trips out of town to conventions, endless rehearsals for our performances, good friends.

Every so often one of the guys would come back from a weekend in the city with stories about friends there getting sick very sick, and deteriorating very quickly. We suspected the reason but didn't really know. None of the guys wanted to be seen walking thru the door of Sacramento's new AIDS Foundation, even to ask questions and get information.

So I went down one evening and was introduced to a very nice guy named Joe Chase who talked to me and gave me information on this disease we'd been hearing about. I connected to him immediately because it seemed as if he was the only person outside our group who understood what we were feeling.

He told me of the Foundation's Hand to Hand client support program, and how to volunteer to "match" to a client. At the end of the conversation, he shared with me that he too was positive, and I burst into tears. By the time I left the building, though, I knew that in order to effectively provide information and support of the magnitude that lay before us, my crying from that moment on would have to be done in private.

During these early 1980s, I noticed MGW laying around on a lot of coffee tables. Finally, when I couldn't take it anymore, I went down and introduced myself to MGW Publisher Linda Birner and asked if she'd like to have me volunteer as a proofreader. She responded that what she really needed was an AIDS Editor.

"Uh, excuse me, I don't believe they're quite the same thing, Linda."

She assured me that all I would

have to do would be to attend local AIDS fund raisers to take photographs, and look thru incoming press releases, condense the HIV topics, and prepare 2-3 paragraphs each month (this, in the days when MGW came out only monthly).

I protested, she begged, and I finally agreed that I'd try it for a while. Once I began writing about what I was learning of this horrific new disease, the words flew. Could I have a whole column of print, Linda? Could I have two?..three? How about the whole page? How about putting all the ads on "my page" somewhere else so I can have more room?

In each issue, I wrote of the growing statistics, but that wasn't nearly enough — I needed to chronicle the names of those lost, and began the "In Loving Memory" column. I posted my phone number with the list, and the calls started coming in.

When the AIDS Quilt came into being, I volunteered for the displays as well as the committee to focus a part of the organizational structure in Sacramento, and included the Quilt's phone number at the close of the column.

When people called to tell me their loved one had died the day before, or that morning, and asked if I would please put the name in the next issue, I was able to pull all the pieces together and answer their questions about obituaries, Quilt panels, funeral flyers, affordable burial providers, or just let them talk about the terrible thing that had just happened.

At other times, people have given me the name of a loved one who died many months or years ago — still in their heart, aching at their loss. Sometimes people leave a request on my message machine, with no call-back number, and I hope they know they're in my thoughts.

Of the 1,938 Sacramento deaths in this epidemic, the community has provided me over 900 names, listed every two weeks on the HIV page. By the early 1990s, MGW was being published every

two weeks, and a majority of the hunky dancers in the Sutter's Stompers had died, including our teacher Kim.

As a Hand-to-Hand volunteer and instructor, I'd been matched to dozens of folks, taking them camping or walking with them in the Pride Parades, and was part of the end-stage support team for many dozens more — sometimes called in only a week or a day before they died (including one of our dancers, whom we'd been trying to locate for months), sometimes having several matches each month.

Another volunteer named Jay Henry and I helped deliver truckloads of groceries to home-bound folks, which allowed us to keep up to date on their situations.

By the end of the 1990s, I'd sewn or painted the names of about 50 friends onto Quilt panels, and planted rose bushes for about 20 others in the McKinley Rose Garden. But I remember all of them. Each one left me with memories and stories that I can recount at a moment's notice.

Once, on a cold morning, a friend was in the long line waiting for the grocery truck to arrive, sitting on the sidewalk because he was too weak to stand. I sat down beside him and said "Hey, what's up."

He said, "I was just sitting here thinking that no one will make me a Quilt. I've lost my lover, and all my friends. There's no one left to make me a Quilt."

I assured him he would have a delightful Quilt and that his lover's name would be on it right next to his.

Once, a friend in the hospital was afraid to fall asleep each night. His lover and I cooked up a plan where each night the significant other smuggled into the room a shopping bag filled with full leather. He donned the outfit, pulled his cap low over his eyes, and "ordered" our frightened friend to go to sleep. He said "Yes Sir," and was snoring in minutes.

Once, a man took his partner



to the hospital and immediately found himself barred by his partner's family from seeing him. By the time he got back home, the locks had been changed, and he never again saw his possessions or his partner.Linda Birner's strange request to me long ago began a special journey for me, and turned out to be the greatest gift I've ever received. It changed my life. It included an up-close insight into diversity and humanity, into love and despair, into courage and hope for the future.

I've been privileged to meet the care-givers, the doctors and social workers, the moms, the families, the activists, and the folks fighting for their lives. And throughout it all, Linda has given me anything I asked for.

She gave me more space for the HIV information.

She gave me even more for the tributes and obituaries.

I was able to promise people space in the paper without having to check with her first. She let me contribute photos and information about AIDS or Quilt fund-raisers around town, and donated space to publicly thank the dedicated organizers of these events.

She moved the paper's ads so I could add the "Loving Memory" column. When I asked for the front page — plus both inside pages — plus my HIV page for special commemorations such as World AIDS Day or large Quilt displays, I got it.

This woman's gift to this community has been no less consequential than the gift she gave to me. She has been a generous supporter of this town's fight against AIDS for over two decades, working behind the scenes to make a tremendous difference.

She too has lost many close friends in this epidemic, including MGW writers such as Stan Hadden, Paul Starr, Dr. Harvey Thompson and several other staff whose loss impacted her tremendously.

Her craving to take on risk and her fearless determination to put controversial viewpoints into print have played a notable role in the evolution of this city into a place that better understands gay and lesbian people, injustice and hate, and solidarity.

She has been willing to put herself on the line just to make people think, and has made a significant contribution in the face of one of history's most devastating epidemics.

Thank you, Linda. You are appreciated! Happy Anniversary!

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Out Laughing

Holy Days: Protecting Ourselves From "Marriage Protection"

By Sally Sheklow MGW Staff

f you've consulted a Hebrew calendar lately, you know we are in the middle of Sukkoth (pronounced Sue COAT). Even though Sukkoth is also known as The Festival of Booths, this holiday has nothing to do with John Wilkes or Shirley.

According to sacred texts, one week after the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Jews are instructed to build roofless, open-air booths outdoors and hang out there all week pondering the greatness of the universe.

Sukkoth may very well prove the biblical origins of other booth-based phenomena such as Burning Man, and drivethru espresso. A Sukkoth booth, called a Sukkah

reflect on our ancestors' departure from slavery in Egypt and how they had no place to live while they wandered in the desert.

They pieced together

mysteries, such as our purpose here on Earth-beyond opening doors for cats.

We contemplate the impermanence of our dwellings, the eternal nature of the source of life, and why this holiday doesn't take place before the rainy season.

My unlawfully-wedded wife and I made a lovely Sukkah and decorated it with corn stalks from our garden.

Last night we sat there under the stars and prayed for acceptance and respect for all beings while migrating snails left slime trails on our socks.

Meanwhile, apparently to honor this holiday of extending a welcome to strangers, a coalition of 22 right wing and religious fundamentalist groups have declared October 12-18 "Marriage Protection Week: A Week Dedicated to Preserving The Sacred Institution of Marriage."

This coalition's way of celebrating inclusiveness for all beings is to codify the prohibition on same-sex marriage. Their big push is amending

the U.S. Constitution to say that marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. It's silly.

Most of them are old enough to remember Bob Dylan telling us that the times they are achangin'. Can't they get onboard with the marriage equality Zeitgeist? It doesn't seem to be hurting The Netherlands or Belgium or British Columbia or Ontario (that's Ontario, Canada, lest you thought the southern California airport city was miraculously ahead of its time.)

How is heterosexual wedlock threatened by welcoming gay and lesbian couples into the institution of marriage? Why should anyone care who chooses to spend the rest of their life arguing over which way to load the dishwasher?

Why should only opposite-sex couples be entitled to unite in holy matrimony?

That's a right everyone should have-if they so choose and if they are blessed to find a partner who doesn't mind the way they stack cereal bowls.

Sukkoth tradition teaches us to strive for godliness, to dedicate our every effort to increasing compassion and bringing peace. At a time when war and suffering plague the world, we shouldn't squander our limited attention spans on this stupid "Marriage Protection" smoke screen.

It's so much more productive to bundle up, experience the elements, ponder the cosmic one-ness of it all, and connect with friends and strangers.

When you come back inside you can log on to http://www.hrc.org/millionformarriage and sign the petition to support equal marriage rights. And then you can change your socks.

Writer Sally Sheklow lives in Oregon with her partner of 16 years and would like their marriage legally recognized already.

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(rhymes with hookah), is a simple structure made of sticks and boughs. Jews around the world add their own cultural variations for decorating the Sukkah.

In desert regions they use fronds from the date palm, in Spain they use olive branches, in the Northwest where I live we use blue tarps.

We sit inside the Sukkah and

makeshift structures with whatever they could devise, which is how duct tape was invented. Inclusiveness and diversity are the big themes of the holiday.

We're supposed to welcome the stranger, because we were once strangers in a strange land. The idea is to sit in our Sukkah and think about freedom and faith and life's great

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The Gay-Straight-Alliance/Youth Leadership training co-sponsored by **GLSEN Sacramento** and Gay-Straight Alliance network brought together over 30 youth activists. The daylong workshop trained youth activists on fighting homophobia and

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transphobia in their schools. Participants were trained in skills ranging from fighting slurs, to ensuring their school was in compliance with the state law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.



poses with workshop participants. Duditch is the Vice President of the San Juan Teachers Association, which provided space for the leadership training.

Steve Duditch (center)

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Festival Brings Hours Of **Queer Films to Midtown**

Dawn Deason and Patti Bancend and Joseph Gromley at the opening of this year's Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, which brought a broad variety of films to downtown Sacramento.



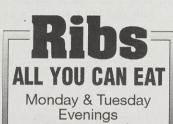
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It's About Time!!!

Hey Mom, Sacramento's got a new

"MOM...GUESS WHAT...!" is a tabloid Gay Newspaper. newspaper that happens to be Gay. It's for women and men in the Sacramento Valley area and the Mother Lode countries who happen to be gay and fro their friends who happen to like sharing the enjoyment of their friends who happen to be gay.

"MOM...GUESS WHAT...!" is designed to appeal to the interests of a lot of nice people who may not know each other yet, but

After all, Sacramento's a big place. In and probably should. around River City there are thousands of Lesbians, Gay Men, and Friends of all ages and all walks of life who are not only interesting and unique themselves, but who are also eager to find out more about each other and about their many opportunities for social activity, recreation, and personal growth through involvement with each other.

Starting November 1978, "MOM...GUESS WHAT...!" will appear every month with local news and special articles of interest to the Gay community.

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Among the regular features will be a calendar of upcoming events, a guide to entertaining places in the area, and a listing of social organizations and how they can be reached. Readers will be encouraged to communicate with each other in our classifieds ads and speak their own minds on community affairs in our letters to the Editor. We ant to be as accessible as we can to business establishments and social groups that feel good about their relationship with t Gay community in Sacramento and with to advertise in the paper.

"MOM...GUESS WHAT...!" will be distributed in the gay bars, restaurants, the Sacramento Women Center, other social places and will be mailed to individuals on a subscription basis.

Our readers are reminded each issue that publication of names or photographs of any person, organization and business in advertising and articles in "MOM...GUESS WHAT...!" is not construed as any indication of sexual orientation of such person, organization or business.

Pulling our community together both on a personal basis, and encouraging our readers to support gay business are the newspaper's primary goals.

November 16, [1978] we are holding an "input-brainstorming meeting" for people that would like to contribute to building a stronger gay community and consciousness here in Sacramento. We are inviting ALL readers to come and express their feelings about the paper. WE are looking for opinions, writers, photographers, typists, distributors, subscription-circulations managers, advertising representatives, artists, cartoonists, puzzles (crosswords, etc.), etc. The only way this paper will succeeds is if everyone contributes on an ongoing basis!!

So mark your calendars: "Input-Brainstorming Meeting," November 16, 1978, Thursday evening, 7:00 pm., Earnharts's Café, 1905 16th St. & S, Free Wine! Bring Friends!! Bring articles, art, photography, ideas for the paper!!

> Linda D. Birner David C. Weinerth

November Gay History Timeline



1969

November 2: A nationwide poll of 27,000 U.S. doctors finds that 67 percent are in favor of legalizing homosexual acts between consenting adults.

November 15: For the first time the Gay Liberation Front marchers march with a quarter million Vietnam peace protesters on Washington.

November 5: Elaine Noble is elected to the Massachusetts state legislature, becoming the first openly state representative in U.S. History.

1977

November 8: Harvey Milk becomes the first openly gay elected official is elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

1978

November 1: First Issue of Mom Guess What Newspaper published, the first Gay & Lesbian newspaper serving Sacramento.

November 7: Voters in California reject the Briggs initiative, which would have banned gay teachers from the classroom. Governor Ronald Reagan denounced the initiative.

November 27: former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White, who also kills Mayor George Moscone, assassinates Harvey Milk.

November 28: "The City Weeps"—San Francisco Examiner Headline

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November 13: San Francisco Police Dept. swears in its first openly gay police officers. Within a year, one recruits fo ther gay or

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Happy Birthday

manifestations of one's life work is documented with the successes and victories of the community MGW seeks to serve, and the tangible reality of progress can be felt in the air like

electricity, there can be no doubt that this woman deserves my gratitude and respect.

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I am humbled, as an activist, a writer, a dreamer and a seeker of change, for I only hope that my life would impact a fraction of the lives of those touched by MGW.

The question before me now, is,

how do I, a boy of the spell check generation, queer youth movement, global justice and new anti-war movement envision the next 25 years of MGW

It is within the pages of Mom Guess What that I find the history that connects all of us, who dare to think, be, exist, or co-exist off the straight and narrow. It is within those pages that I find the answers to why I could come out at 15, form a Gay-Straight Alliance at my high school, be part of a queer youth movement, and be proud of myself.

I often feel like an anthropologist uncovering aged relics of knowledge, the named bones of fallen warriors, and forgotten histories of a community a seek to call my own. It is clear to me that I am part of the queer-activists of the next generation. A generation that knows nothing of funerals everyday, ru-mors of friends dying, the ferocity of ACT UP's political

protests or the pain of finding ourselves before the internet and cable TV.

As a voice of the next generation, how do I provide an independent media publication that captures the chorus of voices that make up the here and now?

And I struggle often with the question of whether or not it is possible to create an inter-generational publication speaking

to both those who founded this community and those just coming into it. A paper that is anti-racist, multi-racial, multi-issue, speaking to the diverse cross section that finds themselves in the alphabet soup of LGBTIQQ... and a news outlet that speaks to both the straight and not-straight communities giving a unified voice to an ongoing political struggle for equality and justice.

I often find myself doubting the possibility, but like was done 25 years ago, I can only hope for the best and give it a try. For if those who entered the struggle a the birth of the gay movement years ago, were told that gay-marriage would be legal in Canada, there would be a Gay Episcopal Bishop, California would have a Domestic

Partnership close to marriage, high schools in California with Gay-Straight Alliances would be near 400, the new straight obsession is gay-oriented television shows, and that Sacramento would boast a vital and vibrant network of GLBT social, political and cultural organizations. I bet they would strongly doubt the possibility.

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So, I am proud to announce MGW is now embarking on a yearlong birthday celebration, one that retraces the gay ripples in time, remembering history and documenting that being made. MGW announces a birthday bash celebrating 25 years...of documenting GLBT history; of struggle and growth, of victories and set backs, of progress and of the many casualties sustained along the way.

And I proffer humble words of gratitude to those who were before me, that your struggle is not forgotten, and to those who will be after me, the struggle is not over. I bid Mom Guess What Newspaper Happy Birthday and leave the words of a warrior-activist-womanrevolutionary from a time when busses were boycotted, sit-ins were a means of finding voice and songs of integration, freedom, equality and liberation filled the streets, Ella Baker, "The struggle is eternal. The tribe increases. Somebody else car-

In solidarity and collective struggle, A hopeful voice of the next genera-tion, And sojourner for freedom,





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November 23: For the Tenth Time in a decade, the New York City Council refuses to pass a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

1982

November 19: California Judge

throws Marilyn Barnett's "palimony" suit against Billie Jean King out of court.

1984

November 3: Jack Haber, former editor -in chief of Gentlemen's Quarterly, dies of AIDS at age 45.

November 6: West Hollywood becomes the first "gay city" in the United States, after voter there decide to turn the previously un-

incorporated area in to a self-governing municipality and elect a largely gay city council to run it. With an estimated population of which 40 percent are gay or lesbian, the city council passes sweeping gay-rights ordinances.

1985

November 11: NBC broadcasts An Early Frost, the made-for-TV drama about a gay man with

1988

November 8: George Bush Sr. defeats democratic challenger Michael Dukakis, in the United States presidential election.

November 30: Umpire Dave Pallone is thrown oft of the National League by league president Bart Giamatti because of his homosexuality.

1989

November 15: Massachusetts becomes the second state in the nation to pass statewide gay right's law.

1991

November 24: Freddie Mercury, lead singer of Queen, dies of bronchio-pneumonia, brought on by AIDS, just 24 hours after the announcement of his illness.

Boxer Delivers Keynote at **CAPPAC Dinner**



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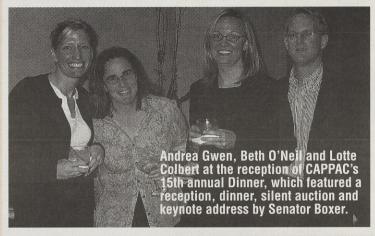
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Senator Boxer and Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo were among the politicians that attended the dinner at the Galleria. Boxer, a long supporter and advocate for the GLBT community, as well as a strong leader on environmental, educational, and AIDS research, delivered the keynote address. Fargo, also a supporter of the community, commended CAPPAC for the work that the organization has done to help educate, increase awareness and civil rights in Sacramento.



Bill Wong, Chief of Staff to Assembly member Judy Cho (49th District) and Sylvia Tang, professional advisor to the State Board of Education at the well attended CAPPAC fundraiser.

Keynote Speaker Barbara Boxer and Assembly Member Mark Leno, chat after Boxer's Keynote Address. Leno received a standing ovation for his work in CA State Assembly.



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Magically Melodic At S.F. Opera's **Magic Flute** By Wayne R. Anderson MGW Staff

ozart's final opera Die Zauberflöte is a bit hard to categorize. Written to a libretto by the composer's friend Emanuel Schikaneder (who also sang Papageno at the premiere), it is a Zauberoper (magic opera), a genre very popular in 1791 Vienna.

In this type of work, the hero

should follow wisdom of men.

Another is the racist outrage that a black man (Monastatos) should feel sexual attraction for a white woman (Pamina). And finally the chorus mindlessly extols Sarastro's wisdom, implying that he always knows best -just the kind of obeisance that John Ashcroft would like to instill into all of us.

danger of seeming.

And finally, he is so strikingly good-looking that it was totally clear why the Three Ladies were falling all over themselves to be alone with him in the first scene. He definitely has what it takes for a major career.

Puerto Rican soprano Ana Maria Martinez (another SFO



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rescues the heroine, both of whom go through ritual trials, while animals appear on stage and magical musical instruments protect them from danger. It is clearly a fairy tale opera, and some have dismissed it as trivial.

Yet it is clear, especially from the sublime music, that Mozart and Schikaneder took the work seriously. Much has been made of the fact that both of them were Freemasons, implying that the opera can be read on two levels, the one that most of us see and the level of Masonic symbolism.

Mozart's transcendent music and Schikaneder's fun-filled libretto can blind us to certain aspects of the opera that, while conventional wisdom in Mozart's day, are troubling to modern audiences. One such is the notion that women tend to be trouble-makers and But if we demand political correctness from every work of art, our theaters will be dark and we will miss the musical glories of this opera.

Despite a couple of weak spots, the SFO production served the opera extremely well. In his SFO debut, Charles Castronovo sang Prince Tamino with an effortless legato so ideal for Mozart's music.

With a well-placed tenor of good size, he never strains or forces it, allowing the music to unfold naturally. The famous Dies Bildnis aria was a model of elegance as he shaped every phrase with complete control.

In addition he displayed great freedom and naturalness on the stage, making Tamino a believable human being rather than the stodgy Goody-two-shoes he is in debut) sang ravishingly as Pamina. Her dark-hued yet bell-like tones added strength to an often-pale character, while her elegant phrasing connected note to note in a seamless arch of tone. Ach, ich fühl's held the audience hushed as her gleaming sound engulfed them.

The dramatic edge to her voice suggests the possibility of gutsier roles to come, such as Donna Anna. Good looks plus fine acting ability complete the picture of an artist obviously destined for important things.

Johannes Martin Kränzle sang the lovable bird catcher Papageno with a rich flexible baritone voice and comical but not slapstick acting.

With all his human faults and weaknesses, this Papageno was a perfect contrast to the aristocratic Tamino.

In her short role, Marnie



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Breckenridge was enchanting as Papagena, and Dennis Petersen was a fine Monastatos.

Unfortunately this was not a perfect performance. Suzanne Ramo as Pamina's mother the Queen of the Night sounded secure and dramatic until she reached the top notes.

This role, ascending to F above high C, was written for Mozart's sister-in-law Josepha Hofer, known for her high and flexible voice, and it has been the bane of sopranos ever since. With Ms. Ramo those top notes emerged as nothing more than awkward squeaks.

The other disappointment was at the low end of the vocal range, Paata Burchuladze seriously miscast as Sarastro. While his bass was large, he lacked any ability to blend notes into a unified phrase, and his majestic arias sounded more like huffing and puffing. The rest of the cast and the chorus all sang fine.

Conductor Oleg Caetani (still another SFO debut) kept a brisk pace, but did not always allow the music to breathe. A good example was the lyrical Bei Männern duet for Pamina and Papageno, which sounded as though it were paced by a fast-moving metronome rather than a living conductor.

David Hockney's sets and costumes, with mythic colorful Egyptian scenes, still hold up very well, even after several outings. In spite of a couple of below-par performances, this was one of the most satisfying Magic Flutes that I have seen here.



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Pulp Fiction

By Stefan Gruenwedel MGW Staff

f you watched PBS in 1986, you probably caught a glimpse of Dennis Potter's odd, complex, entertaining six-part series for BBC Television called "The Singing Detective," starring Michael Gambon as an acerbic man who suffered from painful skin lesions and debilitating arthritis, and only found solace when he entered a world of his own fevered creation.

Ten years later Potter reimagined his story for a larger (and American) audience. Shortly before his death in 1994, he wrote the screenplay for the movie now in release. Shortening the story to one-fourth its original seven hours' length necessitated

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Robin Wright Penn, Jeremy Northam, Mel Gibson; Written by: Dennis Potter; Directed by: Keith Gordon (Rated R, 109 min.)

omitting many important details found in the TV series, but it also distilled the main idea to its essence.

a tough-talking private dick who doubles as a crooner in a dance band.

The problem with his imagination is that it's affected by his pain and medications; soon he can't tell what's real and what's inside his head. Worse, childhood traumas invade his feverish world to the point that people and events from the past haunt his present.

Saving Dark from certain destruction is hospital psychiatrist Dr. Gibbon (an unrecognizable and quite funny

Mel Gibson), who slowly picks away at the huge chip on Dark's shoulder and helps him recover from his mental wounds.

To make this tale of self-discovery interesting for audiences, story elements collide so that nothing is straightforward or linear. Characters and scenes break into song and dance when you least expect it. Walls move and spotlights flash on raucously choreographed dancers who snatch Dark from the fluores-

cent hell of the hospital ward and bring him into his tortured fantasyland.

The Singing Detective is a musical detective story featuring a star studded cast.

As musical numbers go, these rock-and-roll interludes are a far cry from the outlandish spectacles of Moulin Rouge. They're more like Grease meets Rocky Horror Picture Show. Apparently Potter wanted it that way; he was disappointed at the lavishness of the production numbers in the 1981 film adaptation of his other series, "Pennies from Heaven." The Singing Detective is positively low-budget in comparison.

Aside from Potter's changes to the original series—such as using pop songs from the 1950s rather than the 1940s, transplanting the setting and characters from England to America, and renaming the leading man from Philip Marlow to Dan Dark—there's a significant mood switch caused by casting Robert Downey Jr. in the lead role.

At 46, Michael Gambon looked the part of a bitter, middle-aged man in the original. By comparison, Downey Jr. is only 38 and seems too young to act the way his character does—not to mention too young to have a childhood in the '50s. In addition, the lit-

tlest smirk from this attractive actor is enough to wipe away any feelings of distaste you might have for this unsympathetic character, despite his thoughts and behavior.

Potter's perspective on the world appears to have mellowed by the time he wrote this screenplay because Dark genuinely remakes himself after his ordeal is over. Whether he's actually cured is never explained.

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The supporting cast is excellent. Adrien Brody and Jon Polito make excellent hoods who commit murder in Dark's imagination and invade his hospital world as well. Jeremy Northam is a decidedly slimy character whether he's seducing the mother in Dark's childhood memory, covering up his involvement with a murdered prostitute in Dark's fantasy, or conspiring with Dark's exwife Robin Wright Penn to steal the rights to his "Singing Detective" screenplay out from under him, as imagined in Dark's paranoid delusions.

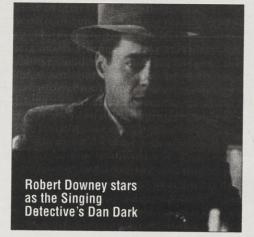
Because of the shortened timeframe in which to tell the story, little light is shed on Dark's character or anyone else's. This makes the strained relationship he has with his ex more mysterious than it needs to be—and their reunion not terribly convincing.

"The Singing Detective" broke ground in the world of television entertainment 20 years ago. It was vulgar, nonlinear, surreal, and violent. It tested one's patience and found room to comment on such matters as the medical system of the day and England's demise as an empire. Today's Singing Detective is still vulgar and violent but it's mostly flashy and without commentary. It's a throwaway tale of an unlikable man, his violent imagination, and his attempt to redeem himself. Only Downey Jr. makes the film slightly worth seeing.

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raveling by plane may be the most expedient way to travel, but it may also be the hardest on your com-panion animal. It places you in a situation where you have little control over the care given your companion animal.

Although federal regulations require that animals transported on airlines be treated humanely, there have been occasional infractions resulting in injury or death of the

Many airlines allow small dogs and cats in appropriate carriers to be brought into the cabin and placed under the seat. Soft-sided carriers, such as "Sherpa" bags, are best for this purpose, although fliop-top hard cases are also allowed.

If your animal companion is small enough, this option permits you greater control and access, and it is far safer for your animals than traveling as cargo in the baggage hold of the aircraft.

If your animal companion must be shipped as cargo, there are several ways to minimize the risks.

Book a direct flight whenever possible. Tell the reservation clerk that you will be traveling with a companion animal. If a direct flight is not available, book a flight with the fewest number of stopovers. Never change planes.

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Stickers reading "Live Animal" are required on the top and one side. The sticker on the side should have an arrow pointing to the top of the carrier.

The best carrier is made out of hard plastic with a steel or plastic mesh door. A lip on the side will keep any baggage pressed up against it from blocking the ventilation

Never travel with an animal when outside temperatures reach above 80 degrees or below 40 degrees.

All airlines and most states' health officials require health certificates for your companion animal

Don't feed your companion animal for at least six hours before departure time. Most companion animals travel better on an empty stomach. Using a spray such as Feliway or Rescue Remedy on the carrier before placing a cat in it may help reduce stress.

Never muzzle your companion animal, it could restrict his/her breathing and limit his/her ability to pant. Put his/her favorité blanket or toy in the carrier before leaving for the airport.

Some airlines will allow passengers to supervise the loading of their companion animals, but you must request this privilege.

When on the plane, politely ask the flight attendant to remind the captain that live animals are in the cargo hold and that the heating or cooling controls need to be turned on and the cargo hold pressurized.

Once you reach your destination and have deplaned, immediately retrieve your companion animal from the baggage claim area. V

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River City Bowlers Continue Rolling Along

By Cameron Yee



eek 6 of the league saw the top team (Team #2, aka I Love Loosely) take a tumble. One would have thought it would be an easy week for this team as their opponents were Rod's Rollers who unfortunately had gotten off to a slow start and were in last place. However, Rod's Rollers were up to the task and won all 4 games from I Love Loosely.

levels and abilities.

Marian and her Merry Men, took advantage of this and moved into the top spot. This seems to show that in a handicapped league everyone and every team has a chance to win.

There continue to be a couple spots available for anyone interested in joining the league. The league bowls on Sunday nights interested persons

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"Helping those who can't help themselves"



By Sonya Cox AIDS/HIV Editor

Another PI on the market...

The Food & Drug Administration recently approved another Protease Inhibitor — Lexiva, developed by GlaxoSmithKline and Vertex Pharmaceuticals. As with other Pls, it is approved for use in combination with other HIV-suppressing medications.

The FDA says Lexiva offers people a new option that allows them to reduce the number of pills they must take daily.

Dosing options include taking two pills twice daily, or taking one pill twice daily along with another PI, Ritonavir (Norvir). A Vertex spokesman says Lexiva is chemically similar to the company's other PI drug Agenerase (Amprenavir), and is less likely to cause diarrhea than Pfizer's PI, Viracept (Nelfinavir).

New experimental drug looks promising...

Another medication is in the pipeline, designed to help people who do not benefit from standard medications. Houston-based Tanox Inc. says its experimental drug (still in early stages, and referred to as TNX-355) has been granted "fast track status" by the Food and Drug Administration.

Unlike other HIV drugs, TNX-355 works by blocking the spot on blood cells where HIV normally attaches itself. Fast track status means the company has more regular access to the FDA during a drug's testing, and indicates that the FDA believes the drug has potential to meet an unmet need.

Put your wishes in writing...

The horror story of the Florida woman whose feeding tube was reinserted by order of the state's governor and legislature has a moral for everyone, including those in California. Even experts cannot agree if the woman is comatose, vegetative, or just severely disabled.

Her husband testified she had verbally stated she would not wish to be kept alive by artificial means, but that has proven to be not nearly enough. His motives are now in question, and specifically what she may have meant about quality of life is not at all clear. It is a good idea for everyone, whether HIV positive or not, to have their specific wishes in writing in case they are some day in a situation where a traumatic event renders them severely injured and unable to communicate. Do you want to be on a ventilator? Do you want a feeding tube?

If a feeding tube is removed, it takes a week or more before life ends. If there is still cognitive brain activity, do you want extreme measures begun? ..and when should they be stopped? Do you want more than one physician to declare you brain dead? Do you want only fluids and heavy pain medication for comfort?

Chat about this with your physician, write out your decisions, have a copy filed in your medical file, and give one to the person you wish to be your decision maker.

Those who already have a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order in their medical file may wish to check to make sure it says exactly what they want. Resuscitation is only one of several possible actions that could be taken on your behalf.

Medical directives are available in most stationery stores. Many expire after five years and must be recreated after that time, and many documents of this nature must be co-signed by witnesses to be valid.

Health summit looks beyond AIDS...

The conference coordinator of a recent 3-day gay men's health summit in Utah noted that "For about 20 years, gay men's health has been equated with a person's HIV status. The goal of this weekend is to expand the notion of gay men's health beyond HIV." He said that gay men also deal with many other issues, including relationships, spirituality, and substance abuse.

Other conference discussions at the meeting included sessions on fitness, bathhouses, sex in public places, and self-hypnosis. HIV was a conference discussion as well, including a session on aging and HIV.

The infectious disease physician who gave the keynote speech urged the 160 men who attended the summit to be vigilant against all STDs. Gay men are especially susceptible to anal warts, she said. "Rectal warts are very common... Get them treated early."

She also noted that gay men use drugs, alcohol and tobacco at a higher rate than the general population and have a higher incidence of anxiety, suicide and depression. "I understand how that comes about when you think about their childhood," she said, considering the difficulty of coming out and dealing with homophobia.

She said she's concerned about Utah's increase in the number of HIV-positive gay men. Many, she said, are not having safe sex. Further, "young people think there's a cure. And believe it or not, some people haven't heard about HIV."

New vaccine candidate begins trials worldwide...

The Vaccine Trials Network has joined with pharmaceutical giant Merck to begin the first global clinical trials of Merck's HIV vaccine candidate in 18 cities worldwide. The trial is the first study to take place in so many global locations simultaneously. With roughly 14,000 new HIV infections daily, most of which occur in developing countries, testing possible vaccines in all affected regions with different strains of the virus is crucial.

The trials will be conducted in diverse populations in the United States, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Haiti, Malawi, Peru, South Africa and Thailand using the Trials Network's clinical trial sites combined with a number of Merck sites.

About 435 HIV-negative adult volunteers will participate in the study, which is designed to establish whether the vaccine is safe, well-tolerated, practical to administer, and capable of stimulating an effective immune response to HIV in humans.

No live HIV is used in the vaccine, so no one can become infected. The trials will also examine whether differences in genetic background, nutritional status, and HIV strains are important to the safety and effectiveness of HIV vaccines.

Merck's vaccine candidate is known as an adeno-virus. A common cold virus, modified so it cannot reproduce and cause illness, is used to transport the synthetically produced gene into the cells. The gene stimulates the body to generate killer T-cells that recognize and kill HIV-infected cells.

Clinton program will help poor nations get meds...

Former President Bill Clinton has announced an AIDS program that tackles both high drug prices and low quality health infra-structures in the developing world. The Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative agreement will cut the price of a commonly used triple-drug regimen by almost a third, to about 38 cents a day per person, from the current discounted rate of 55 cents for generics. The price of Nevirapine, effective in preventing mother-to-baby transmission, will be cut by almost half. The labs involved with the Clinton initiative opened their books and manufacturing processes to Clinton business advisors, hunting for ways to cut costs ranging from raw materials suppliers in China to product packaging.

The foundation is also helping several Caribbean states and three African countries prepare detailed drug treatment plans, including preparing budgets for hiring and

training nurses and doctors, building and upgrading laboratories and clinics, developing patient-information systems, and improving drug warehousing and delivery. To pay for the program, Clinton has secured partial funding by personally lobbying leaders of rich nations, and has raised more than \$1 million from private sources. While there is a chance that this country's pharmaceutical giants could charge the initiative with patent infringement, in the past such attempts have damaged their public images.

Another drug problem forgetting to take them...

While much debate is focused on how to help more people afford costly medicines, there is the increasingly urgent problem of nonadherence of people already on drug therapies. Early this year, the World Health Organization reported that only about 50 percent of people worldwide specifically follow their doctors' orders when it comes to taking prescribed medicine. And the consequences of nonadherence are significant.

Failure to take prescribed drugs as scheduled can contribute to severe problems that include emergency room admissions and undermining the management of chronic conditions by mutating the virus and rendering unusable some good treatments that were working. This phenomenon helps to explain why the promising results of clinical trials are often unmatched when drugs are in the hands of people they've been prescribed for. For instance, trials of anti-retroviral therapies have proved effective in suppressing HIV in as many as 95 percent of participants.

But in routine daily life, the rates of HIV suppression drop to the 40-50 percent range. Some doctors believe the discrepancy is one important reason why there continue to be so many AIDS-related deaths. Rich, highly educated people are just as likely not to take their drugs as poor or less-educated people. Complex regimens, forgetfulness, and the increasing cost of drugs all contribute, but the major reason appears to be a fear of side effects. People dislike the way they feel when they take multiple drugs, so many simply stop taking them. WHO is developing a training package for health care and community professionals focused on how to get people to better adhere to antiretroviral therapy. And the National Institutes of Health currently has over 35 trials studying ways to improve adherence to medication for HIV as well as a range of other conditions.

In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in November

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Jeanne Barnett

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By Lindsey Young **MGW Guest Commentary**

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new local political organization Equality For All Sacramento Families was formed in response to the right wing opposition to civil rights bills passed by former Gov. Gray Davis and to promote support for domestic partnerships in California.

The group's first meeting took place at the Capitol on October 26th, at which attendants were educated about The Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003 (aka AB205), and Senator Pete Knight's referendum opposing the bill.

"I am so tired of justifying my-self, my life, my love...I won't go back...I won't give up," said Interim Co-Chair of Equality For All Sacramento Families, Laurie McBride, during the organization's first meeting.

"We need to raise money to get our message out, and we need to get our friends to vote," Sam Catalano, Founder and Treasurer of Equality for All Sacramento Families, told attendants

"Do your work with dogged determination...Justice will come," bellowed local poet Michael Gorman, in a speech that praised attendants for their courage and delved into his social struggles as a gay man.

"We are getting closer to some equality status...under stated EQCA (Equality California) Program Director, Toni Broaddus, continuing, "This is about human rights...both sides of the [political] aisle can help.' Broaddus was the last of the speakers before committees were formed to plan endorse ments, fundraising, and out**Equality**

reach, among other things. All the groups work to create social acceptance of domestic partnerships.

As the group's first meeting came to a close, attendants continued to express their emotions.

"I'm just really ticked off that they're launching an attack on my family," says **Suzanne Neilsen**. Neilsen's domestic partner, Jan Roberts, and notes that if she died, their children would likely be denied social security.

"It's a beginning. It's better than not doing anything," says as Susan Peter-Thompson.
Moments later, Peter-Thompson proclaims: "I'm not about to allow myself to be shoved to the back of the bus because I'm gay.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding in the general public about [AB205]," says Steve Palmer. "I wanted to get involved." Palmer's domestic partner, David van der Griff, Interim Co-Chair of Equality For All Sacramento Families, beams, "I was extremely pleased. This is a great turnout, of committed people. It's nice." Griff continues, "This is an important issue to me because I'm a domestic partner."

Founder and Treasurer Catalano shares the sentiment: "I was very happy." Catalano was pleased "about the number of people and their enthusiasm, excitement, and commitment.

The next Equality for All Sacramento Families meeting is on Sunday, Nov. 16th at 3pm-5pm inside room 4202 of the Capitol. ▼

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Sacramento Group Masks: Not just for Formed To Fight For Halloween Anymore

By Deborah Frank **MGW Staff**

e've cleansed, moisturized, toned and exfoliated. Now is the time to add a good mask into your skin care regime. Since ancient times, the use of masks has been recognized as beneficial to the skin. It was discovered early on that certain clays, mud, grains and fruits had healing powers.

Today we are fortunate to have many choices when it comes to deciding on the right mask for your skin. Again, skin type vs. skin condition enters into the picture because the mask you choose will depend on what skin issue you are trying to treat.

For example, your skin type may be dry in which case your goal for utilizing a mask is to moisturize. At the same time, your face may be a broken out which is a condition that you would like to treat. Both of these scenarios would come into play when determining what type of mask is appropriate.

There are many different types of masks for home use from which to choose but they basically fall into one of 3 categories. Most masks are produced in the form of paste, gel or dry powders mixed with various ingredients.

In a spa setting where you would be receiving a facial that includes a mask, the menu of mask types is endless. But for the most part those masks are for professional use only and require training for proper use and application.

Lets assume you have already chosen a quality cleanser, moisturizer and toner. Also, remember that products work best when used synergistically. So, it would be best to investigate that same product line when choosing a mask.

Talk to the product consultant about what your needs are, what do you want to achieve by using a mask? Keep in mind that you are viewing a mask as a special skin treatment...a "boost" or an intense "healing" that is used on the average of once or twice weekly. Ideally, you would want to have several masks available in your repertoire.

There are masks that moisturize, reduce oil, diminish wrinkles, treat acne, heal & soothe. There are also masks that tighten and others that allow for deep vitamin penetration. Most masks are applied with the fingers and remain on the skin for about 10 minutes, so use this time to relax in the bathtub or read a book or lis-

There are ingredients in your

own kitchen from which many different masks can be made. If you have the time and the inclination, homemade masks can be a fun and very effective alternative to purchasing products at a store. Here are a couple recipes that I enjoy using on my skin from time to time. Give one a try; you'll love the results! ▼

Egg Yolk & Honey (Dry skin)

Mix together:

1 Tablespoon Honey (stimulates and smoothes)

1 Egg Yolk (penetrates/vitamin boost)

X Teaspoons Almond Oil

1 Tablespoon Plain Yogurt (tightens)

Egg Yolk, Avocado & Mud (Oily skin)

Mix together:

1 Tablespoon Powdered clay or Fuller's

Earth Mud (dries oil) *available at health food stores

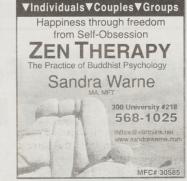
1 Egg Yolk (penetrates/vitamin boost)

X Cups mashed avocado (moisturizes with no oil)

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Good Bye, Sweet Friend

Jeanne Barnett

what a flood of memories that message brought, for me personally, for Shalom Ministries, and for the struggle for full inclusion of GLBT people in The United Methodist Church. For so much of the past two decades, Jeanne Barnett was there.

Jeanne, 73 when she died, had been 51 when she realized that she was a lesbian. For the following 22 years, this quiet, steady church-going woman continued to go about her life in her gentle, non-confrontational way, witnessing to the presence of God in all of her life.

First Jeanne witnessed to St Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento, California. She shared her new insights, being the person she had always been, and more.

When the United Methodist General Conference of 1988 formed a Committee to Study Homosexuality, Jeanne consented to be the committee's sole lesbian member. She attended meetings with her partner Ellie Charlton, making their lives a witness to counter all the many preconceptions and prejudices that members brought to the gatherings.

In 1992, when the Study Committee presented their report to the General Conference, Jeanne participated in a dialog with William Lux, who spoke of his reservations at meeting, for the first time, someone who acknowledged being a lesbian. Jeanne insisted on her essential humanity, even as she became, by that dialog, only the second openly gay or lesbian person to address General Conference during its deliberations.

When her work for the Study Committee was finished, Jeanne was elected to be the female Co-Spokesperson for Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns [Affirmation has since added Transgender Concerns to its title.] She carried out that role with her characteristic competence and gentle grace, leading the organization until January, 1995, when a stroke

created the necessity of focusing on her own health and recovery for a period.

Some people might have retired from public view and steady activism at that point. Jeanne did not. She had already been elected as the California-Nevada Conference Lay Leader. In 1996, Jeanne ran for and was elected as a lay delegate to the 1996 General Conference, making her the first out lesbian to be

elected as a delegate to General

Despite the work of many, the 1996 General Conference added a prohibition of "homosexual unions" to the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. When, in the fall of 1998, Jeanne and Ellie's pastor Don Fado speculated in a sermon that it might be a good thing if a gay or lesbian couple was to ask to have their relationship blessed by a ceremony, Jeanne and Ellie stepped up, planning a beautiful covenant service for January 16, 1999. Amidst music and testimony, dancers, laughter and tears, Ellie and Jeanne spoke their words of promise to one another and many clergy joined together to speak a prayer of blessing, putting themselves jointly at risk for disciplinary charges within the church.

Through the subsequent publicity, the newspaper interviews and invitations to speak at gatherings and be a grand marshal at parades, the phone calls and recognition in the grocery store and on the streets, Jeanne maintained a kind of steady bemusement, equally aware of the impact her and Ellie's choice had

made and puzzled that speaking words of promise to one's beloved should be such a big deal. As Jeanne died, she and Ellie were planning a fifth year celebration of their covenant service: she asked Ellie to go on with it.

I knew Jeanne as an activist and a leader, but also as a friend. When life was hard; when there was cause to celebrate, Jeanne was there, bringing her clear mind, her steady support, her gentle insights to every encounter. "Come," she would say when she knew that Shalom Ministries was struggling financially,

"Come visit and let us treat you." And her support-their support-was more than words. In their retirement, Jeanne Barnett and Ellie Charlton created their "Over the Rainbow" fund, actively supporting many organizations that worked for inclusion in United Methodism, including Shalom Ministries.

Ellie said that Jeanne died quietly, peacefully, with her breathing slowing until it stopped. "It was as if angels came down and carried her away," she said. "Jeanne always walked gently on this earth, and left the same way."

And so, sweet, steady, generous angel Jeanne Barnett, good-bye. And keep watch, please, as we who remain behind carry on.

The End Of A World

Randy Jamison

he world as I knew it ended at 4:00 pm September 12, 2003. My partner, Randy Jamison died unexpectedly of a heart attack. He was 55. My name is Michael Cook and Randy was my Domestic Partner for ten years. He was an enormous part of my life and who I've become.

It wasn't so much the words of the doctor telling us that they weren't able to revive him that hurt. But rather when an assistant said that they had some personal effects to return to us, that I broke down sobbing. Those items belonged to Randy and should be on him, damn it.

It was too much to bear. I found myself wanting and needing to be held and comforted by the only person who could help me through a crisis of this magnitude, but he was gone. I took possession of the baggie containing two rings, car keys, watch and wallet, and as Randy's daughter Kim and I were lead down the hall to see him, I opened the bag and took out his gold Celtic knot ring that matched mine and placed it on my left hand.

I know I've seen this done before somewhere and yet it seemed like an ancient rite. It was my right, to show the world that I had been widowed by wearing both rings and that I, the remaining partner would go on for both of them.

The day before, on September 11th, I had received a phone call from my sister, telling me that our Grandmother and last remaining grandparent had passed away. Friday morning September 12th, Randy's mother was scheduled for open heart surgery. By 3:00 pm Randy had received word that his mother had come through the surgery

As each lament surfaces and hurts me, I let it, and the next time that that thought comes around, it doesn't hurt quite as much or for as long. I miss my morning kiss goodbye as he went off to work and the evening hello kiss as well. I miss how excited our dogs Nikki, Spencer and Frankie would get when he got home.

The Sunday after Randy's death I started doing the laundry something Randy would have been doing, I poured out a weeks worth of his shirts on to the floor, Nikki walked up and sniffed his shirts, I asked her if she smelled "Daddy" she looked up, eyes wide, perked her ears and turned around in anticipation of Randy coming in the door. I'm careful to not use the D-A-D-D-Y word around them. They know something is different and have been a bit needier in Randy's absence.



Each of Randy's brothers Jay, Gregg & Kevin has been in contact with me. Each has asked how I'm doing, if there was anything I needed and to affirm that I am apart of the Jamison family. And that we would get through their mother's surgery and Randy's death together as a family.

Randy's son Ryan and daughter in-law Heidi have been enormously helpful in dealing with Randy's finances and preparing for his memorial. My greatest lament is for their son, Randy's Grandson Tyler. He will never know what an intelligent and talented man Randy was.

Randy's gift to those of us in his life was the ability to show us that they can be more, do more.

Without him I could not have done the California AIDS ride (twice) or have started my own business. My success is the direct result of Randy's insight.

I have found myself having to prepare a memorial some 20 years earlier than I anticipated. I keep telling myself that I'm too young to be arranging his funeral.

Randy's memorial is set for November 16, 2003 inquires can be made at Michael_Cook@comcast.net

A Voice For The Forgotten Will Not Be Forgotten

Bil Gingrich

assed peacefully to his next form on September 20, 2003, leaving his partner Kari Greene, his dog foxy and daughter Andrea, in Carmichael and a family in the By Area.

He also left an extended family of many friends in the California Sate Employees Assn., in the Lambda Community Fund board, in several progressive churches in the State Water Resources Control Board staff and among Democratic Party activists.

Born in 1952, Bil grew up in Yuba City, completes

degrees at UCLA and UOP, and was an expert dancer, an accomplished graphic artist and a lover of dance shows, theater, opera and the visual arts. He maintained a life-long concern for the oppressed and forgotten, which was most evident when he trained several hundred shop stewards for CSEA. In recent years, Bil had become a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in midtown Sacramento. The Rev. Canon Lyneil Walker of the cathedral staff presented an honorary celebration on Oct. 19.



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LBT WOMEN CONNECTING, Wyndance Center, 7-8:30pm: 2400 Glendale Ln. 973-2838 WOMEN'S CHORUS. True Colors Women's Chorus. 7-9pm: 444-8423

KNOCK ON WOOD SCULPTURE, Crocker Art Museum, 6:30pm; 216 O St., 264-5423 CAROL J. TOCA (vocals concert), Crocker Art

Museum, 5:30pm; 216 0 St., 264-5423

SATURDAY 22

WOMEN'S CRAFT FAIR, Celebration of Craftswomen, Nov. 22-23 & 29-30, 10am-6pm; Festival Pavilion at Fort Mason, SF, 415-383-3470 DAY HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, Fairy Falls, 925-7590

SUNDAY 23

HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP, Dykes Out Together 10am-4pm: 971-9337 BIKE TRAIL RIDE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, Fish Hatchery to Beale's Point, 393-4094

24 MONDAY

HOLIDAY WINDOWS, SF SPCA, Nov. 24-Dec-24 store hours; 880 Market St, SF, 415-434-2210 DOG PARK MANNERS WORKSHOP (owners only). Sac SPCA. 2-3pm: Partner Park 5699 South Land Park Dr., sspca.com

25 TUESDAY

RED, HOT AND BLUE, GLBT Movie Night, 7pm; LLACE, 1414 21st St, 492-0558 MALE NUDISTS MEETING, Men Au Naturale Sac (MANS); mans-ca@yahoogroups.com

WEDNESDAY 26

19TH ANNUAL WHITE PARTY, Care Resource HIV/AIDS Fundraiser, Nov. 26-Dec 1; Miami Fl,

THURSDAY 27

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28 FRIDAY

THANKZOO FREE ADMISSION, all day: Sacramento Zoo, 264-5888

SONORA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. Fire on the Mountain Festivals, Nov. 28 -30th; Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 209-533-3473

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- Times and dates Event location and address
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- Phone numbers and URL's

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APOCALYPSE: THE REINVIENTION OF CHRISTIAN ART (film), Crocker Art Museum, 1:30pm; 216 O St., 264-5423

30 SUNDAY

RIVER HIKE, Gav & Lesbian Sierrans, 10am; American River, 421-6209 DIMITRY RACHMANOV (piano concert), Crocker Art

Museum, 3pm; 216 0 St., 264-5423



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GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; "Murder at Howard Johnson's"; Thru-Oct 5, Thurs-Sat 6pm, Sun 1pm; 12401 Folsom Blvd Sac: 985-6361

LUTHER BURBANK THEATER; Best of Broadway's "Big City Lights", thru Sept 27, Fri-Sun; 3500 Florin Road; MONDAVI CENTER; Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept 16, 8pm, Jackson Hall; Russell Malone and Benny Green

"Live at the Bistro" Sept 16–18, 8pm, Sept 19&20, 9:30pm; "Scrap Arts Music" Sept 28, 2pm; "Shaolin Warriors" Oct 2, 8pm, Jackson Hall; "Hip–Hop Theater" Oct. 1–5, Wed–Sat 8pm, Sat & Sun 2pm, "Facing Mekka" Oct. 10&11, 8pm, Jackson Hall; "Ladysmith Black Mambazo" Oct 14, 8pm, Jackson Hall; 866–754– ARTS, mondaviarts.org

MUSIC CIRCUS; 1419 H St., 557-1999

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER: "Kilt," Thru – Oct 12; Wed–Sat 8PM, Sun 2pm; 25 Van ness Ave, SAC COMMUNITY CENTER: "42nd Street" Oct 1–12; "Flower Drum Song" Nov 5–16; Rob Becker's "Defending

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THEATRE RHINOCEROS; "Sleeping with Straight Men" Thru October 4; "Worse then Chocolate" Oct 16– Nov "Christmas with the Crawfords" Nov 20- Jan 3'04; "A Love Story" May 8-June 7'04; 2926 16th St., SF.

THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; The Rainmaker, Thru-September 28, Annie, November 14-December 14, Private Lives, January 23–February 22'04, Ragtime, April 2–May 2'04, Stress Test, June 12'04, The Lion in Winter, May 21–June 20'04, Footloose, July 18 — August 3'04; 340 Second St., Woodland. wohtheatre.org. WELLS FARGO PAVILLION; 557–1999

WM J GEERY THEATRE; The Lambda Players "Trolling", Sept 19–Oct 18, Thurs–Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; 484–4742



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